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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE: SOCIAL MEDIA ADOLESCENT
ADDICTION/PERSONAL INJURY
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Case No. 4:22-MD-03047-YGR
MDL No. 3047

**ORDER GRANTING SECOND *EX PARTE*
CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION AND
APPOINTING GUARDIANS *AD LITEM***

This Document Relates to:

H.D. filed on behalf of minor J.D. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al., 4:23-cv-01425;

Jeffrey Barnes, filed on behalf of minor A.B. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al., 4:23-cv-01422;

Richard Neal Booker, individually and on behalf of their minor child S.B. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al., 4:23-cv-01537;

C. G. filed on behalf of minor A.G. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al., 4:23-cv-01568;

N.K. filed on behalf of minor S.K. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al., 4:23-cv-01584;

M.M., filed on behalf of minor B.M. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al., 4:23-cv-01615;

C.S., filed on behalf of minor J.S. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al., 4:23-cv-01569;

S.S. filed on behalf of minor M.S. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al., 4:23-cv-02024;

K.C. filed on behalf of minor M.C. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al., 4:23-cv-01465

The Court is in receipt of Plaintiffs' Second Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application for Appointment of Guardians *Ad Litem* ("Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application").

Pursuant to this Court’s Order Regarding Appointments of Guardians *Ad Litem* (ECF No. 122), *Ex Parte* Applications for Appointment of Guardians *Ad Litem* (“Applications”) submitted by parents and/or legal guardians were deemed presumptively approved upon filing because there was no apparent conflict between the applicants’ parental responsibility and their obligation to assist the Court in “achieving a just and speedy determination of the action.” ECF No. 122 ¶ 4 (citing *J.M. v. Liberty Union High Sch. Dist.*, No. 16-cv-05225-LB, 2016 WL 4942999, at *1 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 16, 2016)).

On April 26, 2023, Applications were submitted by the parents and/or legal guardians to serve as guardians *ad litem* for the individual minor plaintiffs via Plaintiffs' Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application in the following cases:

- *H.D. filed on behalf of minor J.D. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-01425 (Exhibit 1);
 - *Jeffrey Barnes, filed on behalf of minor A.B. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-01422 (Exhibit 2);
 - *Richard Neal Booker, individually and on behalf of their minor child S.B. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-01537 (Exhibit 3);
 - *C. G. filed on behalf of minor A.G. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-01568 (Exhibit 4);
 - *N.K. filed on behalf of minor S.K. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-01584 (Exhibit 5);
 - *M.M. filed on behalf of minor B.M. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-01615

1 (Exhibit 6);

2 • *C.S. filed on behalf of minor J.S. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-01569

3 (Exhibit 7);

4 • *S.S. filed on behalf of minor M.S. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-02024

5 (Exhibit 8); and

6 • *K.C. filed on behalf of minor M.C. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-01465

7 (Exhibit 9).

8 Pursuant to this Court's Order Regarding Appointments of Guardians *Ad Litem*, the
9 Court's presumptive approval of these Applications will become final if no objections are filed
10 within fifteen days of the filing of Plaintiffs' Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application. Applications
11 shall become final. ECF No. 122 ¶ 5.

12 Having received no objections within fifteen days of the filing of Plaintiffs' Consolidated
13 *Ex Parte* Application, and good cause appearing, it is hereby ordered that that the applicants
14 identified in the Applications for the cases listed above are appointed as guardians *ad litem* for the
15 minor plaintiffs in those actions.

16 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

17 Dated: May 19, 2023


18 Hon. Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers
19 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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